

Glasgow and Galloway Mission Action Plan

Name of Charge/s Christ Church, Dalbeattie

Name of Facilitator Anne McWilliam

MAP Completed June 2016

YEAR 3



Stage 1: Why are we going for Growth?

From the scribe's notes of the Review meeting, list the last MAP actions completed	<p>a. Phase One of the Church lighting was completed in September 2015.</p> <p>b. A Printer was donated by Canon David Bayne in April 2016</p>
last MAP actions not completed	The new notice board cannot be erected until the building work to remove the tower is completed. In the meantime, banners fixed to the church railings are being used.
learnings from the first year's MAP	Working on our goals has led us to have a more positive attitude. We have learnt to be more outward looking and more patient. Our sense of God and worship has grown and with it our spiritually.
Reflect upon the resourcing of the first year's MAP and what that means for the third year.	The Church lighting was funded by the Vestry together with monies raised from a concert held in Church. We are aware that we need to involve the community, especially Dalbeattie & District Churches Together, to support our mission and to assist in finding more resources. We realise that we need to be more attractive to people as a church.
<p>Review</p> <p>- your Church as God would see it now</p> <p>- where God is at work in the community and in the church now?</p> <p>- what growth signs need to be built upon</p> <p>- what avenues can be set aside for now?</p>	<p>a. We feel God's presence and guidance in the more relaxed way our worship has developed. We know that God understands the challenges we have faced in the many delays to work on the Tower. The work for the Tower is now in the hands of the Diocesan Architect; funding being sought.</p> <p>b. We are keen to increase links with groups that we have already established as a church. Members of the Congregation support Jenny Edkins, with her monthly Hard of Hearing Clinic, by providing the facilities of the church hall and volunteers who provide tea/coffee/chocolate biscuits and space to chat to the clients (part of outreach). We continue to support the Stewartry Food Bank and the Sea Cadets through their use of our church hall. c. We are restarting our support to the Mission to Seafarers Scotland.</p> <p>d. The outside notice board has to be set aside until the completion of the building work.</p>
<p>Re-appraise, re-affirm and celebrate:</p> <p>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we realise that we now exhibit the following strengths ...</p>	<p>We have perseverance and good ideas which can be developed. We are more settled as a congregation with the introduction of a more settled clergy rota.</p> <p>The blessing at the communion rail will be developed with immediate effect under the direction of the Revd Mark Smith.</p>
<p>Re-assess:</p> <p>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we realise that we are suffering from the following weaknesses now....</p>	<p>a. The way we communicate needs to be developed and improved.</p> <p>b. We work well together whilst recognising each other's differences and foibles.</p>
<p>Investigate:</p> <p>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we now detect the following opportunities...</p>	<p>a. We will work on improving our communications by ensuring that the Magazine, the Website, the weekly Bulletin Sheets are as up-to-date and relevant as possible. A church logo is to be designed which will be displayed on all publications and the website.</p> <p>b. We continue to celebrate our achievements.</p> <p>c. We will continue to reach out into the community.</p>

Stage 2: What will our Growth Strategy involve?

<p>God's call to growth.</p> <p>Having thought about the challenges for each strand, discern your overall strategic response.</p> <p>(i) what is your vision of the way of life God is calling you to now?</p> <p>(ii) list the values that underpinned last year's MAP; are there any new values which you need to adopt for further growth to happen?</p>	<p>Strand 1 WINGS</p> <p>2.1 A Remembrance of individual anniversaries that have been celebrated at CC Dalbeattie; baptism; weddings; funerals and blessings.</p> <p>2.2 The establishment of a formal communications group under the leadership of the Revd Mark Smith.</p> <p>Strand 2 Imaginative Outreach</p> <p>We will explore the possible use of our Church space which can then be developed into next year's goals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 We will continue on the path we have set to encourage each other in the faith and to seek God's guidance through prayer. 2 To offer our Christian values to everybody. 3 To be united as a congregation. 4 To have a commitment to positive change and to be sensitive to all points of view. 5 To maintain flexibility. 6 To continue to celebrate our achievements
<p>Our prioritised response</p> <p>To work towards responding to that call, and expressing our values, we will focus upon the following strand (or strands) of the strategy because...</p>	<p>There is unfinished business in the Strands that we chose last year, but looking towards moving to other areas of congregational life not yet explored.</p>
<p>Goals</p> <p>We will address the following by means of...</p>	<p>Goals: We will seek God's help to achieve our goals through prayer. We will endeavour to find financial support through grants and donations. And to find volunteers by developing our community outreach especially with our fellow Christians in the Dalbeattie & District Churches Together.</p>

Stage 3: How will we encourage Growth?

Plans, processes, people and resources

Remember: SMART – plans must be **S**pecific and documented,
You must be able to **M**easure the difference you are making; so change or re-visit the Goals if necessary.

Your proposals must be **A**chievable; do not try to meet impossible goals.

Actions must be able to be **R**esourced, by people, buildings, and funding.

To enable proper review, your actions must be **T**ime bounded.

Actions: small achievable steps which gradually build into something bigger	Who	When
<p>WINGS</p> <p>We will look at the layout of the church and best assess its future use for our Mission. Spring 2017</p> <p>A Church diary will be drawn up and uploaded to the Internet. An A3 copy will be displayed on the Notice Board Advent 2016</p> <p>An <i>Away Day</i> for the congregation will be arranged under the direction of the Canon Drew Sheridan.</p>	<p>Canon David Bayne</p> <p>Revd Mark Smith</p> <p>Canon David Bayne</p>	<p>Spring 2017</p> <p>Advent 2016</p> <p>Autumn 2016</p>
<p>OUTREACH</p> <p>When the building work is completed the new exterior notice board will be erected. DWB & ST</p> <p>We will involve the local community in the celebrations on completion of the tower project.</p> <p>We will improve our communication as stated above.</p>	<p>Canon David Bayne and Sue Thomas</p>	

Stage 4 Outputs: keeping the MAP alive

We will endeavour to ensure that our plans are put into action. We will continue to celebrate God's gifts and blessings culminating in our annual MAP review. We have the resilience

needed to keep the MAP alive. We will not be discouraged on this journey by the building work; lack of people and resources or by the retirement of Canon David Bayne in June 2017.

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Date of MAP Review with Bishop/Dean

MAP signed by

Rector/clergypersonDate.....

Secretary of the VestryDate.....

(5 copies are signed, being for the cleric, the Vestry, Bishop Gregor, the Convenor of the Regional Council and the Facilitator. One is posted on the Growth Strategy web site for public viewing.)

I will keep in contact with the charge throughout this coming year as they work for growth.

Spirit of our Loving God,
in your mercy and compassion
inspire, encourage and empower us
to live and work together
as a Diocese,
to allow your mission for us
to take flesh
through Jesus Christ
our Living and Eternal Lord. Amen